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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA ON PARTICIPATION IN KOSOVO ICJ ORAL
HEARING

REF: (A) JONES-YAP TELCON 10/01/09 (B) PFEUFFER-YAP
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Classified By: A/DCM Dean Yap. Reason: 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶](#)1. (C) Per Ref A, Amb. Eacho pursued Austrian participation in the Kosovo ICJ oral hearing in an Oct. 2 conversation with Austrian PolDir Stefan Lehne. Lehne reported that, though Austria had signed up to participate, divisions remained within the Ministry and that a final decision had not yet been made. Amb. Eacho briefed Lehne on the U.S. analysis of the count (per Ref B), of which Lehne was unaware. Lehne, whom Ambassador sensed personally favors participation, said this information would be very useful to him in briefing the case with the Minister and that he believed the eventual decision would be in favor of participation.

[¶](#)2. (C) Department may wish to follow this conversation up with contact with the Austrian Ambassador in Washington to reinforce USG interest/concern.
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